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SUBJECT: NO RESOLUTION OF SWEDISH NATIONAL'S KIDNAPPING CASE

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1. SWEDISH MEDIA CONTINUES TO GIVE HEAVY PLAY TO THE
CASE OF THE KIDNAPPED SWEDISH-ARGENTINE NATIONAL DAGMAR
HAGELIN. OVER THE PAST WEEK, THE FOLLOWING
DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED:

(A) ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR TO STOCKHOLM BOATTI OSSORIO
TOLD THE MEDIA THAT THE GOA DOES NOT CONSIDER HAGELIN A
SWEDISH NATIONAL AND REGARDS HER ONLY AS AN ARGENTINEAN.
ACCORDING TO AN EMBASSY SOURCE IN THE MFA, THE AMBASSADOR'S
ASSERTION IS INCORRECT AND WORRISOME IN THAT GOA HAD
AGREED IMMEDIATELY AFTER HAGELIN'S KIDNAPPING ON
JANUARY 27 THAT SHE WAS PROPERLY DOCUMENTED AS A DUAL
NATIONAL.

(B) RAGNAR HAGELIN, THE GIRL'S FATHER, TOLD
SWEDISH CORRESPONDENTS IN BUENOS AIRES THAT HE
CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT HIS DAUGHTER IS ALIVE AND BEING
HELD AT THE NAVAL INFANTRY INFIRMARY IN THE ARGENTINE
CAPITAL. AFTER MEETING WITH SWEDISH AMBASSADOR KOLLBERG

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AND SWEDISH MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ANDERS DAHLGREN,

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HAGELIN REPEATED THAT HIS ONLY HOPE OF SEEING HIS DAUGHTER ALIVE AGAIN WAS BASED ON SWEDISH GOVERNMENT PRESSURE ON GOA. HAGELIN ALSO EXPRESSED THE INTENTION OF MOVING PERMANENTLY TO SWEDEN AS SOON AS HIS SON COMPLETES MILITARY SERVICE IN ARGENTIA.

(C) DAHLGREN, WHO WAS ATTENDING A UN-SPONSORED WATER CONFERENCE IN MAR DEL PLATA, MET WITH GOA MINISTER OF PLANNING RAMON DIAZ BESSONE ON MARCH 17 TO EMPHASIZE THE GREAT CONCERN FELT BY GOS AND SWEDISH PEOPLE FOR THE MISSING 17-YEAR OLD GIRL. DAHLGREN LATER TOLD THE PRESS THAT DIAZ BESSONE HAD ATTEMPTED TO ASSURE HIM THAT THE GOA WAS DOING EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO FIND THE GIRL AND TO CLARIFY THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HER DISAPPEARANCE. DAHLGREN CONCLUDED THAT AMBASSADOR KOLLBERG WOULD CONTINUE TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH GOA UNTIL THE CASE IS RESOLVED.

2. COMMENT: MFA OFFICIALS FOLLOWING THE CASE CLAIM TO BE INCREASINGLY DISCOURAGED THAT HAGELIN IF STILL ALIVE WILL BE RELEASED SOON. ALTHOUGH DIAZ BESSONE IS A MILITARY OFFICER, THESE OFFICIALS DOUBT HIS ABILITY TO PERSUADE WHICHEVER MILITARY UNITS ARE DIRECTLY INVOLVED TO HAND HER OVER. UNTIL THE CASE IS FINALLY CONCLUDED, IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT THE SWEDISH MEDIA WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY TO IT.
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